

**Fact Sheet  
March 2005**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS REQUESTED**

### **Proposed Cleanup for the J&S Metals Facility Los Angeles, CA**



## **15-DAYS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ANNOUNCEMENT**

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to ensure public health,  
environmental  
quality and  
economic vitality,  
by regulating  
hazardous waste,  
conducting and  
overseeing  
cleanups, and  
developing  
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### **INTRODUCTION**

We invite you to review and comment on the Removal Action Workplan (RAW) submitted by J&S Metals (Site) to remove and dispose contaminated waste material from their facility located at 9401-9405 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California. The objective of the cleanup plan is to prevent potential threat to public health or the environment by removing the contaminated waste material from the Site.

During a complaint investigation, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) found lead, copper, zinc, cobalt, chromium, cadmium, nickel, molybdenum and polychlorinated biphenyls in waste material stockpiled at the site. J&S is not authorized to store hazardous waste and is required to remove the waste material to bring the facility in compliance. Hazardous waste material was generated as a result of residue from metal shredding operations for a number of years.

### **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

DTSC has prepared a **draft Notice of Exemption (NOE)** for this project as required by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have significant negative effect on the environment because of the short duration, and the controlled manner in which the waste material will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal.

### **Public Comment Period**

**March 10 2005 to  
March 24, 2005**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) encourages the public to review and comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the J&S Metals site.

Please send comments by e-mail or mail no later than March 24, 2005 to:

Dr. Nirupma Suryavanshi,  
Project Manager

Dept. of Toxic Substances Control  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630  
Email: [NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov)

### **PLANS TO CLEANUP THE SITE**

The proposed plan involves using conventional construction equipment to dig and remove approximately 1,839 cubic yards (approx. 3,724 tons) of contaminated waste material that will be transported off-site in about 165 truckloads.

### **SAFETY AND DUST CONTROL DURING CLEANUP**

If the clean-up plan is approved as written, the following steps will be taken to ensure safety and minimize the impact of dust generated during the cleanup:

- Access to the site will be restricted to authorized personnel
- Where necessary, wind screens will be attached to the temporary fencing prior to start of the onsite activities
- During removal activities, work hours will be limited to reduce impacts to local traffic. The trucks will enter East 95<sup>th</sup> Street and exit the site from South Alameda Street on to the Freeway.
- All vehicles will maintain slow speeds while on the site
- The waste material will be loaded onto trucks and covered
- The work areas will be lightly sprayed or misted with clean water to prevent dust.
- Water will be sprayed on waste material after it is loaded into the trucks to further prevent dust.
- The air will be monitored at the site to ensure the amount of dust stays at safe levels.
- Plastic sheets will be used to cover any stock piles of waste material that may have to be left in place prior to transporting it off-site.
- The facility will develop contingencies for any feasible emergency should it occur.

## YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE COMMENTS

You have the opportunity to review and comment on the **Draft RAW** during the 15-day public comment period.

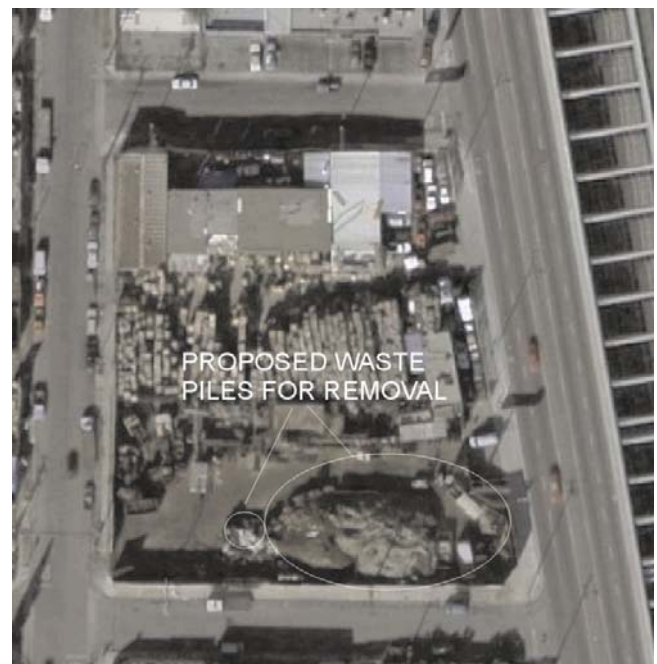
Please send comments and/or questions to us on the proposed cleanup option (see Comment Form enclosed). Your comments must be postmarked by March 24, 2005 and sent to: Dr. Nirupma Suryavanshi, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, email: [NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov)

## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

After the end of the public comment period, DTSC will review and consider all comments received and make a final determination to approve, revise or disapprove the draft RAW. A **Response-to-Comments Letter** will be sent to everyone who has submitted comments along with their address.

If the draft RAW is approved, the **fieldwork** is tentatively scheduled to begin April 2005 and will last about 11 days. This includes removal of the waste material, transporting it off-site for proper disposal and follow-up confirmation soil sampling and analysis.

## PROPOSED WASTE PILES FOR REMOVAL



## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

### **DTSC Contact**

If you would like more information about this Site, please call:

Nirupma Suryavanshi, Project Manager at (714) 484-5375

Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917

Media Contact: Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer at (818) 551-2176

### **Information Repositories**

Project documents are available for public review at the following locations:

#### **Los Angeles Public Library**

##### **Alma Reaves Woods/Watts**

10205 Compton Ave.,

Los Angeles, CA 90002-2804

Phone: (323) 789-2850

Hours: Monday/Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday: 12 noon – 8 p.m.

Friday/Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

#### **Department of Toxic Substances Control,**

##### **Regional Records Office**

1011 N. Grandview Avenue

Glendale, CA 91201

Contact: Jone Barrio for appointment

Phone: (818) 551-2886

Fax: (818) 551-2976

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am–5:00pm

#### **Department of Toxic Substances Control,**

##### **Regional Records Office**

5796 Corporate Avenue,

Cypress, CA 90630

Contact: Julie Johnson for appointment

Phone: (714) 484-5337

Fax: (714) 484-5302

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am–5:00pm

### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can obtain additional information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) or by calling Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (818) 551-2917.

### **ADA Notice:**

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Ms. Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917.

## COMMENT FORM

If you have any comments concerning the **J&S Metals Facility Draft Removal Action Workplan**, please fill out the information below and mail by **March 24, 2005** in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. If you did not receive a return envelope, please mail your comments to: Dr. Nirupma Suryavanshi, Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630 or email: [NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:NSuryava@dtsc.ca.gov). **Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the written Response to Comments** when the Final Removal Action Workplan is issued.

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments (attach additional pages if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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